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AMBASSADEUR

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varieties in my

EUROPEAN IRIS GARDEN



America is greatly interested in the new Irises which are being originated in Europe, and in 1915 I began importing them for my own garden and have continued doing so during the past eight years. After the formation of the American Iris Society, three of the members, J. C. Wister, its President, C. F. Wassenberg, an expert and enthusiastic Iris grower of Van Wert, and I, all decided that we would visit Europe, meet the English and French Iris growers, and see their very best productions. This we did last year, and Mr. Wister went even into Germany and met Goos & Koenemann and saw their new Irises which you will find in this list. Mr. Wassenberg and I did not visit Germany, but we met not only all the commercial Iris growers of both France and England, but we also visited and were entertained by M. Denis, the celebrated French amateur, whose home and gardens are in Balaruc les Bains in the extreme south of France.

During the past eight years I have accumulated many of the best Irises of Europe, and on my visit to France and England, I purchased from one to one hundred roots each, of every variety which pleased me and which I thought should be in American gardens. The Federal Horticultural Board does not allow me to sell any of the Irises I import until they have been in my garden two years, but it does allow me to sell the increase from these roots.

Some of the varieties I purchased last year have made a wonderful increase; others have made no increase at all, and, sad to relate, some have died and disappeared entirely from my garden. The mortality on imported Irises has been very great with me throughout the past eight years, but I intend to try again and import every variety which has not survived.

In giving the names of the introducers or originators of many of these new varieties, I have had to rely upon the grower from whom I purchased them. In some cases I purchased the same variety from different growers and, as their records did not always show the same originator, it is quite possible that the record as given in this list may not, in every instance, be correct. M. Denis has given me some valuable information concerning many of his varieties listed here, but he has not yet had an opportunity to look over the entire list of varieties credited to him. His garden was one of the most interesting I visited, and his varieties have, in most instances, been placed upon the market by friends to whom he has given roots.

This list contains European Irises of merit which I have succeeded in growing, and for the convenience of visitors, I have planted some of each of them in one garden slightly less than an acre in extent. These plants will be two years old next June, and, if the season is favorable for Irises next year, this garden will probably deserve a visit from Iris lovers.

Where I have any surplus of these varieties, I have quoted a price at which I will sell them and, where no price is given, I will be compelled to wait until next year and, in some instances, even longer to offer any stock for sale. The prices quoted do not necessarily mean that the roots are worth that amount of money, but these prices are the result of the law of supply and demand, and no doubt in a few years all of them will be much cheaper.

I know that commercial Iris growers will be glad to obtain some of these varieties to build up stock for future sales, and I believe also that some enthusiasts who never expect to sell Irises will be glad to possess some of these new varieties for trading purposes. I will continue to build up my own commercial stock also, so that I may share in the general prosperity when these roots can be sold at popular prices.

Variety	Price
ALCAZAR (Vilmorin)	1.00
This comparatively new Iris has very great merit and it is	
nearly as good as Magnifica, which sells at several times its	
price.	
ALPHONSO (?)	
ALPIN (Millet)	2.00
AMBASSADEUR (Vilmorin)	5.00
If it were absolutely necessary for me to give the name of	
the Iris which I considered the best in the world, I would,	
at the present time, decide upon Ambassadeur. After see-	

ing it in my garden this year and remembering its high

Variety	Price
place in both French and English gardens, and taking into	
consideration the fact that it is strong, healthy, tall, erect, of splendid size, beautiful coloring, and that it multiplies	
very rapidly, I feel sure I am justified in giving it the place	
of honor in my garden. Visitors to my garden who had	
never thought enough of Irises before to buy and plant	
them, immediately decided upon purchasing this variety at	
the price I am listing it, and I believe that Ambassadeur	
will spread the fame of the Bonnewitz Iris Gardens more	
than any other variety which has yet bloomed in it. The	
color plate on the cover of this booklet gives only a faint	
indication of its real beauty, and when you realize that the	
picture has been greatly reduced in size, the flower being	
fully as large as Lent A. Williamson, I know you will agree	
with me that it is indeed a commanding Iris, and is worthy	
of the high place I am giving it.	
	9.00
AMBIGU (Vilmorin)	3.00
ANDREE AUTISSIÉR (Denis)	
ANGELO (HORT)	
ANN PAGE (Hort)	
ANNE BULLEN (Hort)	
APHRODITE (Dykes)	~ 00
ARAGON (Bliss)	5.00
ARCHEVEQUE (Vilmorin)	1.00
Some of my friends may be surprised to see this variety in	
this list, but when I tell you that I had grown Irises for	
five years with several varieties in my garden bearing the	
name of Archeveque, and not one of them the true variety, you will understand why I am listing it here. It is quite	
probable that a few other growers are even now in the same	
position I was three years ago.	
ARGONAUT (Bliss)	5.00
ARLEQUIN (Denis)	
ARMAND CLAVAUD (Denis)	
ARMEE D'ORIENT (Millet)	0.00
ARMENIAN (Millet)	2.00
ARSACE (Millet)	4.00
ASIA (Yeld)	15.00
This variety is very much like Prospero, which also was originated by Yeld. Asia is not as vigorous as Prospero	
and, in my judgment, is not superior to it. I believe the	
fact that it does not multiply as rapidly as Prospero is the	
reason it is listed higher. It is, however, a very beautiful	
variety, and in the most beautiful Iris garden I saw last	
year (that of G. P. Baker, Ivydene, Bexley, Kent, England,)	
Asia was the most attractive variety in the garden.	
ASSYRIAN (Bliss)	2.00
ATLAS (Millet)	2.00
AZURE (Cayeux)	9.00
AZURE (Bliss)	3.00
and I believe will be very popular in America. It is much easier to grow than Dominion, but its petals are not so	
thick and waxy.	
BALARUC (Denis)	5.00
DADARUV (DEIIIS)	(11)

he named such a fine Iris in honor of his commanding officer.

Variety	Price
growers who gave us Iris King, Rhein Nixe, and many other	
standard Irises.	
ECLAIREUR (Cayeux)	
EDOUARD MICHEL (Verdier)	2.0
The true variety of this splendid Iris is very scarce. Vil-	2.0
The true variety of this spiendid fris is very scarce. Vii-	
morins would let me have only two roots of it, but I suc-	
ceeding in getting a supply of plants from other growers.	
There are more different Irises under this name in America	
than any other variety I know. I had been growing Irises	
five years before I ever saw the true Edouard Michel. It is	
somewhat like Caprice, but much larger and bolder.	
EMIR (Yeld)	5.0
EUGENE BÓNVALLET (Cayeux)	2.0
FENTON (Hort)	
FURSTIN LONYAY (G. & K.)	4.0
FLAMENSCHWERT (G. & K.)	4.0
I am told that this new Iris would bear the English name of	
"The Flaming Sword" and, if this is true, it is appropri-	
ately named. It is one of the most beautiful and striking	
of the new Irises from Germany.	
FLAVESCENS RICARDI (Denis)	
	2.5
FRANCINA (Bliss)	٠.٠
GENERAL GALLIENI (Millet)	
GERALDINE (Yeld)	
GERMAINE LECLERC (Cayeux)	4.0
GLAMOUR (Bliss)	
A Dominion Seedling.	
GLITTER (Bliss)	
GLORIAE (Cayeux)	
I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing this variety	
in bloom in my garden next year.	
GNOME (Bliss)	
GOLD CREST (Dykes)	-2.0
This variety is very highly thought of in England and it is	
a pity there are two different varieties bearing this name	
in America It will probably be rated higher in America	
in America. It will probably be rated higher in America when the confusion over the two varieties has subsided.	
GOLIATH (Cayeux)	1.0
GREVIN (Vilmorin)	3.0
GULES (Bliss)	2.5
HALO (Yeld)	$\frac{2.5}{5.0}$
	5.0 5.0
HAMADAM (Foster)	
HAUTEFEUILLE (Denis)	4.0
This variety should be protected from the winter rains for,	
although it can stand very great cold, it will not stand	
excessive moisture.	
HENRI GLOWER (Denis)	
HERMIONE (Hort) HEROCLES (Millet)	10.0
HEROCLES (Millet)	3.0
HILDA (Bliss)	
HIPPOLYTA (Hort)	
HIPPOLYTA (Hort) HIPPOLYTA PERNET (Verdier)	2.0
HOMER (?)	2.0
HORTENSE LEROY (Verdier)	3.0
	0.1

Variety
IGNACITE (Lemon)
IGOUF (Millet)
I notice that some Americans do not approve this variety,
but both my secretary and I believe this variety has a
future. It is tall, the bloom is large, of a particularly cold,
gray, blue coloring, different from any other Iris I know.
Its color is so cold that, to my mind, it brings the thought
of ice. Its habit is bold, the texture of the petals is splen-
did, and the fact that it is altogether different from other
Irises induces me to give it my approval.
ILSAN (G. & K.)
IMPERATOR (Cayeux)
One of the newest Irises.
ISOLA (Foster)
ISOLINE (Vilmorin) JACQUELINE GUILLOT (Cayeux)
Mr. Cayeux told me that he was sending me the first root
of this and several other varieties which you will find in
this list. I believe these new varieties will interest all
American enthusiasts who see them, for Mr. Wister, Mr.
Wassenberg and I all thought they had great merit when
we saw them in Paris last year.
J. B. DUMAS (Denis)
JEAN CHEVREAU (Cayeux)
JEANNE (Denis)
JULIETTE WOLLET (?)
There seems to be some confusion among the French growers
as to who originated this and a few other varieties, and so
I hesitate to credit it to any grower. It is possible that I
may have made some mistakes in the originators of other
varieties given in this list, for I am depending upon infor-
mation given me by European growers, and they have not
always kept their records as accurately as might be wished
JUSSIEU (Denis)
KASHMIR WHITE (Foster)
I have been trying to grow Kashmir White for nine years,
but without success, and when I saw strong, healthy plants
of this variety carrying large white blooms in England, I
placed my order for a small quantity of it, and, as it has
bloomed perfectly for me this season, I am glad to offer it to my customers, and hope that it may be as much at home
in their gardens as it is in mine.
KHAMSIN (Millet)
KING GEORGE V (Perry)
KNYSNA (Bliss)
KURDISTAN (Dykes)
LA BEUTE (?)
LADY BYNG (Bliss)
LADY LILFORD (Foster)
LADY LILFORD (Foster) LA ESMERALDA (Millet)
LA NEIGE (Verdier)
LA NUIT (Denis)
LANCELOT (Bliss)
LA PERLE (?)
LAVENGRO (Bliss)

variety	11100
LE BOUVET (Millet)	
LE GRANDE FERRE (Caveny)	
Have you noticed how euphonious the names of the new Cayeux varieties are? I am glad to congratulate them on	
Cayeux varieties are? I am glad to congratulate them on	
their selections, and hope other growers will think also of	
the sound of the names which they give to new Irises	
LEONATA (Hort)	
LEONE TRÈNANCE (Bliss)	
LE PACTOLE (?)	5.0
LEPINOUX (Millet)	
LEVERRIER (Denis)	10.0
LIBERTY (Caveux)	
LIBERTY (Cayeux) LIONEL MILLET (Millet)	5.0
LOBELIA (Millet)	2.0
LORD OF JUNE (Yeld)	3.0
LOUTE (Vilmorin)	2.0
LUTEA	
MADY CARRIERE (Millet)	2.5
MAGNIFICA (Vilmorin)	5.0
MA MIE (Cayeux)	
MANON (Cayeux)	
MARGARET MOOR (Bliss)	2.0
MARIE (?)	
MARSH MARIGOLD (Bliss)	
MASSENA (Cayeux)	
MAXIME CORNU (Denis)	
MADAME ABEL CHATENAY (Denis)	
MADAME BAZE (Denis)	3.0
MADAME BAZE (Denis) Mr. Denis gave me this spelling himself.	0.0
MADAME BLANCHE PION (Cayeux)	1.0
MADAME BOULLET (Denis)	2.5
MADAME CHARAL (Millet)	3.0
MADAME CHABAL (Millet)	2.5
In some respects, I consider this the most beautiful Iris I	2.0
have ever seen. It is of only medium size, but it has excel-	
lent quality in its rich cream petals, which are more daintily	
marked than any other variety with which I am familiar.	
MADAME DE GENLIS (Denis)	
MADAME DENIS (Denis)	10.0
MADAME DE SEVIGNE (Denis)	2.0
MADAME DURRAND (Denis)	
MADAME GUERVILLE (?)	4.0
MADAME HENRI CAYEUX (Cayeux)	4.0
MADAME J. VERNOUX (Millet)	10.0
MADAME LEVEQUE (Verdier)	3.0
MEDRANO (Vilmorin)	5.0
MEGAS (Denis)	5.0
M. MENETRIER (Denis)	10.0
	10.0
Mr. Denis writes me that he considers this variety one of	
the best he has originated. He asks that the M. be used in connection with the name M. Menetrier.	
MERCEDES (Vordier)	3.0
MERCEDES (Verdier) MIDAS (Bliss)	5.0
MIKADO (Denis)	2.0
MIMUNG (G. & K.)	1.0
MIMONO (O. & IX.)	1.

Variety	Price
MIRANDA (Hort)	5.00
This was one of the most satisfactory varieties in my	
garden. It is tall, erect, well branched, the blooms are of	
good size, the color is clear and distinct, and the beard is	
prominent.	0.00
MIRAGE (Foster)	2.00
I have two different varieties under this name, very similar in coloring, but one is much more beautiful than the other,	
on account of its greater delicacy and the superior texture	
of its petals. I will send out only the better one of the two,	
although they are so near alike that I do not believe the	
difference could be detected if the two varieties were not	
seen together. I will be glad to make a bargain price on	
the entire lot which do not quite equal the ones I send out.	
MISTRAL (Millet)	
MIST (Foster)	1.00
MLLE. SCHWARTZ (Denis)	12.50
This is one of the most beautiful varieties in existence, but	
it is so difficult to grow that I hesitate to recommend it. I bought every root of it I could find for sale in France	
last year, and I lost nearly fifty percent of them during	
the winter. I am importing it again this year, but I intend	
to plant this variety in pots, sinking the pots level with	
the ground, and in November I will take the pots into a	
garage or cold shed and keep the plants entirely dry during	
the winter. This variety will stand extreme cold, but it	
will not endure constant moisture during the cold winter	
months.	4.00
MLLE. YVONNE PELLETIER (Millet)	4.00
MOA (Bliss)	
for sale next year.	
MOLIERE (Vilmorin)	4.00
MORWELL (Bliss)	
MORWELL (Bliss) M. AUSTIN (Denis)	5.00
M. AYMARD (Denis)	1.00
M. BRUN (Denis)	15.00
M. CHABER (Denis)	
M. CORNUAULT (Denis)	10.00
I have this spelling direct from Mr. Denis himself.	
M. DEGRULLY (Denis)	0.50
MRS. COWLEY (Bliss) MRS. TINLEY (Bliss)	$\frac{2.50}{4.00}$
This variety was growing quite near the celebrated variety	4.00
Miranda and, while it may not be as good, yet it compares	
very favorably with it.	
MRS. WALTER BREWSTER (Vilmorin)	15.00
MR. O. PERTHUIS (Millet)	25.00
I was rather surprised at Mr. Millet using the American	
or English Mr. instead of the French Monsieur, in writing	
the name of this variety and so you need not be surprised	
if, in some future list of mine, the name is changed to the	
French form. I am not quite sure, but I believe this to be	
the name of Mrs. Millet's father, and if I should meet him, I would be glad to congratulate him on having such a fine	
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Variety	Price
Iris named in his honor. I am not claiming that it is as good as Ambassadeur or Madame Gaudichau, but it was so good that I took every expert Iris grower who visited my garden to see it, and none of them told me I was wrong in placing a very high estimate upon its value. I will not try to tell you the color, but I will say that it is tall, erect, of splendid size, and that its quality made me think of Dominion. I hope next year to have time to use my French color chart in giving you its description.	
NEPTUNE (Yeld)	2.00
NINE WELLS (Foster)	1.50
ODIN (Caparne)	
OPERA (Vilmorin)	2.50
This is not a tall growing variety, but it is such a prolific bloomer and its color is so bright that it attracts more attention than many varieties which grow twice as tall. I found Opera, I believe, in every French and English garden I visited, and the plot in which it was blooming was the brightest spot in each one of those gardens. I came home very much in love with Opera, and I am glad to be able to offer it at a fair price to other Iris enthusiasts. OPORTO (Yeld)	
PALADIN (Bliss)	
PANCROFT (Millet)	
PARC DE NEUILLY (Verdier)	1.00
PATIENCE (Foster)	2.00
PAULINA (Hort)	5.00
PEAU ROUGE (Ćayeux)	
I could get only one single rhizome of this variety, and I count myself most fortunate to have been able to secure it.	
PETER PAN (Perry)	
PETITE AMIE (Millet)	
PETIT VITRY (Cayeux)	1.00
PHYLLIS BLISS (Bliss)	
PIONEER (Bliss)	
PONT A MOUSSON (Millet)	3.00
PORCELAIN (Foster)	1.00
PROSPERO (Yeld)	5.00
Mr. Wister and I both left Paris for London in order to	

Mr. Wister and I both left Paris for London in order to visit the big Chelsea Flower Show. Mr. Wister went by way of Holland so that he might see the tulips in bloom, and it happened that he arrived in London one day ahead of me, the day preceding the opening of the Chelsea Show. Through the courtesy of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Dykes, he was permitted to spend the day with the exhibitors as they were placing their blooms for the great show, and so when I saw him at the hotel that evening my first question was, "Well, Wister, what are the great Irises of England?" and his immediate reply was "Prospero, Asia, and Lady Foster." When I visited the Show myself next day and saw the best display of Irises I ever expect to see, I could not help agreeing with him that Prospero headed the list. I am glad to report that it is large, tall, healthy, and a most vigorous grower, but I will not try to describe its color at this time, but I sincerely hope that every Iris Show in

Variety	Price
the United States next year will have at least one Prospero on its tables.	
QUEEN ALEXANDRA (Barr)	1.00
QUEEN ELINOR (Hort)	5.00
OUEEN FLAVIA (Caparne)	1.00
Some people will, I know, be surprised to see Queen Flavia	
in this list, for it is an old variety, but, in the last nine	
years, I have never seen a good specimen of it in America.	
All the stock I have ever seen of this variety has been	
weak, and, while the flowers were a beautiful shade of	
yellow, yet the plants were not vigorous. Every landscape	
architect who places orders with me has asked for Queen	
Flavia and, after seeing it in bloom in England, I realized	
why the demand for it is so great in America. The stock	
which has arrived in my garden seems to be very vigorous,	
and Queen Flavia and Opera were the star bloomers of my	
last importation.	7.50
QUEEN MARY (white)	1.00
Wassenberg, Wister and I were visiting the Vilmorin garden	
together, and one of us found an absolutely pure white Iris,	
and immediately called the other two, and none of us had	
ever heard of the fame of Queen Mary as the best white	
Iris in the world. There is another Queen Mary which is	
blue in color, but this pure white variety nearly took us off	
our feet, for we all knew that it has been the aim of all	
Iris growers to produce a pure white Iris, and here it was,	
on fine, large plants, growing to perfection. I am delighted	
to have it, and you should have seen the interest which	
Mr. Williamson, the originator of Lent A. Williamson, mani-	
fested when he saw it blooming in my garden. I know that	
every grower in America will want a root of it, and, as it	
is very prolific, it will, no doubt, be sold at a popular price	
within the next few years. RAFFET (Vilmorin)	4.00
REGAN (Hort)	5.00
RHEINTRAUBE (G. & K.)	4.00
RICARDI (Species)	1.00
RICARDI FONCE (Denis)	
RICHARD II (Dykes)	7.50
RING DOVE (Foster)	1.50
RODNEY (Bliss)	5.00
ROMANY (Bliss)	3.50
ROMEO (Millet)	4.00
ROSALBA (Bliss)	7.50
ROSALIND (Bliss)	2.50
ROSE SALTERNE (Bliss)	0.00
ROSEWAY (Bliss)	6.00
RUBY (Dykes)	
SAFRANO (Dykes)	
SALONIQUE (Cayeux)	
SAPPHIRE (Dykes)	
SARACEN (Foster)	
SAUL (Denis)	

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Variety	Price
TRAINON (Vilmorin) TREGASTEL (Millet)	
TREGASTEL (Millet)	2.00
TROOST (Denis)	4.00
Of course you and I know there are no pink Irises, but if	
you will listen to the visitors who come to see my garden,	
you will hear many of them, when pointing out this variety,	
speak of it as "that large pink Iris yonder." I wish it	
were a real pink, but it is a pink lilae, and attracts a great	
deal of attention.	
TROUVAILLE (Cayeux)	
This is one of the new Cayeux varieties.	
TUNISIE (Millet)	
TURCO (Vilmorin)	
TUNISIE (Millet) TURCO (Vilmorin) VERDUN (Millet) VILICAN (Footer)	
VULUATI (FUSICI)	
WILLIAM MARSHALL (Perry)	
WILLOUGHBY (Hort)	
YELLOW HAMMER (Dykes)	
YEOMAN (Bliss)	
ZOHAVE (Vilmorin)	4.00
ZULLICHAU (Millet) ZWANENBURG (Denis)	
ZWANENBURG (Denis)	4.00

I wish that all my readers might have had the privilege of seeing the varieties in this list in bloom in the European gardens, and I would like very much to repeat that visit myself, but that will be impracticable for a few years. In order that I may get the same pleasure from these varieties which they gave me in their foreign homes, I have planted all of them in a special garden which I am calling "My European Iris Garden." This garden contains about an acre and, if next June you can take a day or two's vacation and visit this little European Iris Garden, I hope you will find that Opera and Prospero please you, here, as well as they did me, yonder, and I hope also that you will be able to see Ambassadeur as we saw it on the other side, and that you may be able to draw your own conclusions as to whether or not Dominion and its famous seedlings will revolutionize the Iris world. At any rate, the owner of the garden will give you a welcome and will ask you to enjoy with him these Irises from abroad.

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July 23, 1923.

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